CHAPTER III—LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

(i) Corporation of the City of Bangalore.

448. According to the Census Report of 1951, the area of the City of Bangalore was 26·7 square miles and the population was 7,76,170 and due to the expansion of the City on account of new Extensions etc., the area of the City has exceeded the above figure and the influx of people from adjoining States due to the starting of several big Industries has also increased the population figure which can be estimated at over a million now.

449. The Corporation continued to maintain four High Schools and five Higher Elementary Schools and the total number of pupils taught was 7,810. Instruction was conveyed in English, Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Hindi and Sanskrit. The total amount spent under Education during the year was Rs. 3,32,307-55 (Rs. 2,95,811-60). Education.

450. The general health of the City during the year was fairly satisfactory. There was a decrease in birth rate *i.e.*, 31·00 (34 67) and slight increase in death rate *viz.*, 15·67 (14·44). There was an epidemic of Small Pox and Influenza during the year and all precautionary measures were taken to combat the spread of these dreadful diseases. There was an intensive inspection of Eating Houses, Restaurants, Boarding and Lodging Houses. Health.

451. Thirty-one free "Flue Treatment Centres" were opened for treatment and a sum of Rs. 50,000 was sanctioned by the Corporation for drugs. About 5·72 lakhs of people were affected by Flu and the infection was slightly more amongst males. Barring this epidemic, Corporation area was free from Plague and Cholera during the year, but preventive measures like Cynogassing, etc., were carried out systematically. There were 86 deaths from Typhoid during the year. There were 420 deaths from T. B. the mortality being greater among women than in men and 2,226 T. B. inoculations were carried out during the year. There were two (1) deaths due to Hydrophobia during the year. During the year, 2,147 dogs were impounded of which 2,086 dogs were destroyed by Electrocution.

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General Sanitation.

452. Particular attention was paid for seizing and destroying unwholesome foodstuffs, fruits, etc., and there was regular periodical inspection of the vegetable and mutton markets and stalls. About 2,06,479 sheep, 1,04,056 goats and 1,910 pigs were slaughtered during the year.

553. In connection with Food Adulteration Act, 1,476 samples of foodstuffs were analysed in the laboratory.

454. Regular removal of tank vegetation, clearing of drains, collection of larva, D. D. T. spraying, introduction of fishes in pools, were some of the anti-mosquito measures undertaken during the year.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

455. There were nine maternity centres where anti-natal and post-natal work was carried out systematically Health visitors paid 31,945 home visits and 698 delivery cases were attended to by midwives in houses during the year. About 1,77,299 lbs. of milk powder was distributed to mothers and children.

Family Planning.

456. Family Planning Clinics were run in all Maternity Homes and the Child Welfare Centre at Thimmaiah Road. Instructions were given to patients regarding health of mothers, need for spacing of children and advice regarding contraceptives.

Medical Relief

457. The Corporation Dispensary, the Ayurvedic and Unani Dispensaries worked satisfactorily and treated nearly one lakh and eighty thousand patients during the year.

Weekly Intensive Cleaning

458. There was a regular weekly intensive cleaning programme every Saturday as per scheduled programme.

Communications

459. The roads in the Corporation limits were maintained in a fairly satisfactory condition.

460. A sum of Rs. 4,73,913-88 was spent during the year for the Original Road works out of Rs. 6·50 lakhs provided in the Budget, and a sum of Rs. 2,27,502-22 was spent for road repairs out of Rs. 4·60 lakhs provided in the Budget.

Bridges, Culverts and Causeways.

461. A sum of Rs. 26,821-35 was spent under this head during the year.

Parks and Gardens.

462. There were about 30 parks and gardens and about 48 traffic circle gardens in the Corporation area and all were maintained in good condition during the year. A sum of Rs. 20,887-41 was spent.

Sewage Scheme

463. A sum of Rs. 91,792-74 was spent during the year on new sewer lines and repairs to existing sewers.

464. The Government of India have allotted Rs. 40 lakhs for slum clearance work in the Corporation area. Of this, two batches of estimates amounting to Rs. 17 92 lakhs have been approved by Government. Of these, one relates to the slum clearance work in seven selected slums and work has been started in this direction. Slum Clearance.

465. A sum of Rs. 74,140-41 (Rs. 65,399-25) was spent during the year servicing some slums with drains, roads etc., and on construction of blocks of four houses, tenemental quarters on existing plinths, etc.

466. A sum of Rs. 1,63,999-24 was spent during the year for water supply works like purchase of 17 H. P. diesel engine tractor, laying new mains and sub-mains, construction of pump house and water tank, etc. Water Supply

467. Estimates to the tune of Rs. 60 lakhs have been sanctioned by the Corporation and estimates amounting to Rs. 14·90 lakhs, returned by the Central Government with some observations, have been attended to.

468. Out of the sum of Rs. 40 lakhs proposed to be utilised for improvement of underground drainage system in the City, works to the extent of Rs. 1 lakh had been taken up pending approval of estimates by Government of India. Underground Drainage.

469. The financial position of the Corporation of the City of Bangalore continued to be sound, and the statutory closing balance was maintained as per Corporation Act. There was an opening balance of Rs. 5,86,611 at the beginning of the year and a sum of Rs. 1,23,84,798 was collected under all heads of Revenue including Debt Heads, making a total of Rs. 1,29,71,409. Out of this, a sum of Rs. 1,22,97,982 was expended during the year, leaving a balance of Rs. 6,73,427 at the close of the year. Financial Position.

470. The erstwhile City Municipal Council of Bangalore had raised a Debenture loan of Rs. 20 lakhs for Water Supply, Underground and Drainage works, dischargeable on 1st May 1957. Out of this, a sum of Rs. 19,68,400 was paid up on the date of discharge, leaving a small balance of Rs. 31,600.

471. The total demand for the year, including arrears, was Rs. 51,92,664-16, of which a sum of Rs. 29,49,986-20 Rev

was collected leaving a balance of Rs. 22,42,677·96 at the close of the year. The percentage of collections under current demand was 56·2 and that of arrears 58·8 respectively, and the percentage of total collections (including current and arrears) was 56·8 (72·2).

472. There was an appreciable increase in the revenues under Octroi and Toll. A sum of Rs. 38,92,530-28 (Rs. 37,33,966·43) was collected under octroi fees, etc.

473. It may be stated that the working of the Corporation was very smooth and there was mutual harmony and co-operation between the Executives and the Corporation.

(ii) Mysore City Municipality.

474. The area of the City continued to be 14·43 square miles. The population as per the census of 1951 was 2,44,334.

475. The health of the City during the year was good except for the country-wide epidemic of influenza which prevailed in June 1957.

476. The City was free from cholera and plague during the year.

477. As a preventive measure against plague, 19,022 (33,262) houses were cyanofumigated during the year.

478. There were 181 attacks from small-pox and 111 deaths. A total of 1,85,706 vaccinations consisting of 13,073 primary and 1,72,633 re-vaccinations were conducted during the year.

479. There were 6,985 (7,749) births and 3,842(3,204) deaths during the year.

480. At the end of the year there were 69 educational institutions and 15 charitable institutions managed by the Council.

481. There were 12,729 (12,223) water connections and 688 (663) public fountains during the year.

482. The incidence of taxation per capita was Rs. 7-90 (Rs. 6-18).

483. The demand, collection inclusive of arrears and balance of the Municipality during the year were Rs. 28,01,096 (Rs. 26,46,593), Rs. 21,96,751 (Rs. 20,15,812) and Rs. 6,04,345 (Rs. 6,30,781) respectively.